

Hadlow Tobacco Barn No. 1
CH-711
Newport
Private

Circa 1840

Hadlow Tobacco Barn No. 1 is an important and relatively rare example of a pre-Civil War tobacco barn in Charles County. Associated with the 19th century farmstead known as Hadlow (CH-118) in the southeastern section of the county, the barn is believed to have been constructed around the time the main block of the farmhouse was built around 1840. This barn is characterized by the presence of a series of shed extensions, a narrow door on the gable ends, and a set of distinctive hand-wrought hinges. constructed during the first part of the 19th century.

In 1832 the property was acquired by Richard Henry Dyson, and several years later was purchased by Francis Simpson who was responsible for the site's current character. After Francis Simpson's death, Hadlow descended to his son George H. Simpson. Hadlow has been recognized by the State of Maryland as a Century Farm, having been owned and operated for the same family for over 150 years.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Hadlow Tobacco Barn No.1
other	

2. Location

street and number	9915 Old Sycamore Road	not for publication
city, town	Newport	X vicinity
county	Charles	

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Joseph B. Simpson				
street and number	9915 Old Sycamore Road			telephone	301-396-5815
city, town	Charlotte Hall	state	MD	zip code	20622

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	66 p. 15
city, town	LaPlata	liber	180 folio 555

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			Contributing
			Noncontributing
			buildings
			sites
			structures
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			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Hadlow Tobacco Barn No. 1 is associated with the 19th century farmstead known as Hadlow (CH-118) in the southeastern section of the county. Because it is one of Charles County's earliest surviving examples of a tobacco barn and because it is located on an adjacent USGS map than the remaining farm, it has been treated separately. The Hadlow Tobacco Barn No. 1 is believed to have been constructed around the time the main block of the farmhouse was built around 1840. This barn is characterized by the presence of a series of shed extensions, a narrow door on the gable ends, and a set of distinctive hand-wrought hinges.

Rectangular in form with the roof ridge running in a northeast to southwest axis, Hadlow Tobacco Barn No. 1 is a heavy timber frame structure sheathed in vertical board siding. Shed are attached to the southeast and southwest elevations. Principal posts are hewn and joined by pinned mortise and tenons. Cut nails are also present. The structure rests on a rubble stone foundation. The roof is metal. Both original gable end door positions are extant. The southernmost door, sheltered under the shed roof includes the original hinges which haveat a later date, been attached to modern boards by contemporary bolts.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	circa 1840	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	circa 1840		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Hadlow Tobacco Barn No. 1 is an important and relatively rare example of a pre-Civil War tobacco barn in Charles County constructed during the first part of the 19th century. Hadlow, the 19th century farmstead associated with the barn retains the a contemporary 2-story vernacular farmhouse, an early 19th century granary and an assortment of late 19th and early 20th century agricultural buildings in view from the tobacco barn. The farm includes 295 of its original 437 acres, and is one of only two properties in Charles County to be designated a Maryland Century Farm, having been continuously used agriculturally by the Simpson family for over 150 years.

During the 17th century, tobacco emerged as the staple crop throughout the region, promising to yield impressive profits that lured many adventurers to the Chesapeake Bay. Like other southern Maryland counties, the exclusive cultivation of tobacco governed the physical development of the county throughout the 18th and early 19th centuries. Unlike corn and wheat, tobacco cultivation did not encourage the development of significant urban centers for the shipping and processing of the crop. Instead, the county's landowners remained isolated, on individual farmsteads that comprised small "villages" made up of the main dwelling house, several slave quarters, and ancillary domestic and agricultural outbuildings. Through the 1830s, 1840s, and 1850s, Charles County continued to thrive on its agricultural and growing commercial trade. Many diversified their interests, investing in corn or wheat cultivation or in commercial industries, such as milling, fishing, and commerce.

Hadlow was initially formed from a number of smaller parcels containing between 15 and 250 acres lying on either side of Piles, later Gilbert Swamp that were purchased by the merchant Robert Horner from several individuals in the last half of the 18th century. By 1771, Horner was imprisoned in the Charles County jail, presumably for debt and subsequently sold to his creditors here and in England. In 1832 the property was acquired by Richard Henry Dyson, and several years later was purchased by Francis Simpson who was responsible for the site's current character. After his death, guardian accounts written by estimators John R. Turner and Joseph T. Herbert in 1855 describe the property in some detail noting that,

"There is on the farm a large dwelling with entry, pantry and kitchen attached. Ample yield and garden paled in, a small dairy, a good meat house a good meal house with cellar, two good poultry houses, a good ice house, a small brick house, 2 logged quarters, a logged cornhouse, a double stable with ten stalls and shed on one side for carriage, a barn with shed on one side and end with granary inside shed, a cow house with granary in one end. The kitchen roof and garden palings wants repair, the most of the buildings are nearly new and in good order. We think the out-buildings fully sufficient to secure all crops made on the farm. There is a small orchard in bearing, a meadow of about 6 acres poorly set in timothy. Full one third of the land is in woods among which is an abundance of fine chestnut, the fencing is in fair order. "(1)

After Francis Simpson's death, Hadlow descended to his son George H. Simpson. After his death in 1871, the property was divided among the children Carrie Agnes Simpson and her brothers Lucien Lorenzo, William Edward and Arthur Alexius. In 1885 Carrie

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Agnes deeded here share to her brothers. In that same year Lucien transferred his share to his brother William Edward Simpson. According to family accounts, William Edward Simpson lived in, and likely constructed the two story frame dwelling occupied by tenants when he was first married to his wife Lillian F. Simpson, and brother Arthur Alexius occupied the original Simpson family farmhouse. After his death in 1908, Arthur Alexius, a bachelor, willed his share to the four oldest children of William Edward Simpson. After 1965, the property became owned by the current owner Joseph Brennan Simpson, Sr..

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Endnotes

(1) Guardian Accounts 1854-1860, pp. 39. Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, MD.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 10

Acreage of historical setting 295

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Hadlow Tobacco barn No. 1 is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 66, parcel 15.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept.

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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